

# THE COLONNADE

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### GCSU prepares for logo, brand identity change

CONNOR JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

In 1996, GCSU's official name went from Georgia College to Georgia College and State University. GCSU became known as Georgia's public liberal arts college and joined the Council on Public Liberal Arts Colleges. Today, GCSU is considering a rebranding of its name to again be referred to as Georgia Col-

President Dorothy Leland feels the re-branding will provide a new distinction to

GCSU from other universities with similar names.
"We have been working

toward these modifications for several years, as athletics and students have wanted more contemporary bobcat head logo options, and as the university has increasingly used the short version of its name to avoid confusion with Georgia State and others,' Leland said.

Not to be confused with the proposal that took place in 2005, the name will not be officially changed. Similar to Georgia Tech or Virginia titles of Georgia Institute of Technology and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University respectively, GCSU would still keep and state university in its title.

"We are just embracing the name of Georgia College more than we have in the past," SGA President Zach Mullins said. "It's really not as big of a change as some people may make it out to

GCSU community members who have been around since 2005 may recall the proposed name change from Georgia College and State University to Georgia College. However, it was met with a huge backlash from students, faculty, staff and alumni and the proposal dropped.

"At this point in time, the University Communications team is still seeking feedback from students, faculty and staff," Leland said, "but the response thus far to the proposed modifications in the university's graphic identity has been largely positive."

Sophomore nursing major

#### At a Glance: Re-branding

•The re-branding is not an official name change.

•The 'and state university' in the logo will no longer be included.

•The logo change and informal name change will have to be approved by SGA. The change will be discussed at SGA Senate on Sept. 22.

GRAPHIC BY: REBECCA BURNS

Cynthia Stone agrees with the concept of the re-branding.

"I think it's important to leave the 'and state university' in our name," Stone said, "but informally changing it isn't a huge deal."

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### **Herty headway**

#### Construction continues, on schedule for Fall completion

JORDAN BUDNIK STAFF WRITER

Construction on Herty Hall began in Fall 2009, but with scaffolding concealing much of the building's exterior, the community may not realize exactly what progress has been made.

President Dorothy Leland is pleased with the progress being made on Herty Hall.

"Herty is back on track," Leland said. "They really need the space. We're pretty optimistic it'll stay on track. It hadn't been renovated since the 1950s.

The construction has left the entrances to Herty Hall accessible and the noise has been well-controlled so the only complaint from students seems to be the question: what is being done?

"I went to visit (GCSU) over the summer and it doesn't look like it's changed at all," freshman biology major Rachel Whiteley

However, many students who have regular classes in Herty Hall speak to the contrary.
"When you're in the lab, they're

outside the window working," freshman chemistry major Courtney Odell said. "It's very obvious they're doing something.

From the outside, a passerby can see heavy gray concrete masonry units and steel shaping what will be the addition to the building. This has been in progress for a while, now workers are beginning to lay the brick.

Over the next couple of months you will see the interior finishes beginning [electrical, HVAC, Data and plumbing rough -ins] as well as drywall and ceilings," Associate Director for Planning, Construction and Business Services Ben Pratt said. "Once the facility is protected from the weather, progress on these finishes can begin; so having the roof in place is a major milestone.

Though much of the interior will have to wait on the completion and weather-proofing of the exterior, the beginnings of Herty Hall's interior, framing and roughin utilities are also well underway. It is estimated that the roof should be dried-in by mid to late September, which will allow for further

With 423 biology majors, not to mention the growing Physics department, there was a need for the expansion of Herty.

With the addition of multiple labs, offices, a greenhouse and an observatory, people are echoing Pratt's words, "The Herty Hall project will be a welcome addition to the science program at GCSU."



Herty Hall is being renovated for the first time in half a century to in-

clude new labs, offices, a greenhouse and observatory. With the increasing number of science majors created the need for more space and updated technology.

has been renovated.

Number of current undergraduate biology

Months since the Herty Hall ground breaking

### New radio station airs broadcast next year

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF WRITER

The Office of University Advancement at GCSU will be establishing another radio station to better serve its listeners. WRGC (Radio Georgia College) will begin airing by March 31, 2011, on 88.3 FM.

In Fall 2008, GCSU applied for a start-up grant from the Federal Communications Commission for just over \$117,000. On Oct. 20, 2008, the grant was received and the new studio equipment was ordered.

The station will be operated on West Campus in a 900-square-foot building between Parking Services and the swimming pool.

This small building will help bring a big change to the local community. Right now, local public radio broadcasting reaches about 63,000 people of middle Georgia. However, currently only about one-fourth of them receive any public signal. WRGC wants to fill that gap with the intent of becoming a part of the Georgia Public Broadcasting network ranging from Eatonton, Gray, Gordon and

If WRGC becomes a part of the GPB network, most of its programming would come from that network, mainly from National Public Radio programming. Sponsors will have inlets on the station and there will be no commercials. The station will also run their own news and talk shows pertaining locally to the GCSU community to provide students with additional information through the air-

Like WGUR, the new station will provide students with more chances to practice their

"The intention is for the station to provide additional learning opportunities for students in mass communication and other academic areas of interest. This is another venue for

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# Numbers

Years since Herty Hall

majors.

ceremony.

### Local business owners plan downtown condominiums

KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

Downtown is going to receive another revamp with the addition of six condominiums to the east side of South Wayne Street. Construction is slated to begin in late October and end by July 2011. Tom, Rick and Robert

Binion, three Milledgeville brothers, have expressed an interest in adding new apartment space above their McMillan's properties, Shoe Service, The Baldwin Bulletin and Pinnacle Satellite and Ultra Force Security. Above the existing three

businesses, two additional

floors will be added with six units, each with two bedrooms and two baths. They will be constructed of brick to conform with the downtown historic feel and there will be 12 parking spaces in the back for the residents.

The project has been in the works since last fall when Tom approached Belinda Washlesky, executive director of Milledgeville Main Street DDA, asking for design assistance with the project. Washlesky wanted to keep Milled-geville Main Street involved throughout the project and offered their services.

"They are interested in finding out how they can participate and support things that we have going on in the community," Washlesky said. "They're going to do a really good job on the project because they care about the community."

Senior computer science major Brendan Kelly weighed both the pros and cons of living downtown.

"When you consider the location, it's great for a student, but when you consider what goes on around the apartment, it's not a good location. You'd be right next to Blackbird, the bookstore and Jittery Joe's, but the biggest disadvantage is being down-town every night," Kelly said. "It would take a very

special person to be able to live there. I would never consider living that close to

the downtown scene.' Washlesky said when the brothers' children went to college, they wanted to buy a place for them to live while in school, however, there was nowhere that fit their need. From this experience, they came up with the idea to build six condominiums downtown and market them to GCSU students, young entrepreneurs, singles, married couples and other Milledgeville residents.

Washlesky had nothing but praise to offer for the

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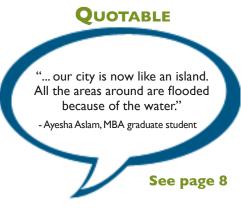


The proposed design of six new condominiums to be built downtown on the 130 to 136 block of South Wayne Street.

#### **N**EWS FLASH

The Little Georgia Magnet

The Old Governor's Mansion began its lecture series this week with authors Hugh and Susan Harrington on their book, Annie Abbott 'The Little Georgia Magnet' and the True Story of Dixie Haygood. "Dixie Haygood, using the stage name of Annie Abbott, was introduced to us by her descendants as the witch who had superhuman strength," Harrington said. She defied physics by resisting being lifted from the floor by men. The book covers Haygood's international career of the spiritualist and performer with supernatural power during the late 1800s and early 1900s.



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**N**UMBER CRUNCH

\$28,000

The total amount of scholarship money accumulated by sophomore art studio major Ericka Moss for her year long study abroad in in Kyoto, Japan.

Source: info.gcsu.edu

### Flashback

A look back into GCSU history



Before the smoking ban went into effect, it was allowed in many areas on campus. This photograph, taken in 1970, shows a student smoking inside Maxwell Student Union.

### New bobcat statues near completion

ALYSON CROSBY STAFF WRITER

This fall six bobcat statues will be scattered throughout the campus and community to help promote GCSU pride.

The statues are estimated to be completed by the end of November. The designs for these statues were chosen in a public contest last spring and each statue will be painted uniquely by the GCSU Department of Art. These designs are currently being approved by both the art department and GCSU President Dorothy Leland.

The bobcat statues will be sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Local businessman, Frank Chambers, had the idea of placing bobcat statues around Milledgeville to try and instill the idea of how much of an economic impact the college has on the community. In addition, Chambers wanted to unify the community and the

"I think it is a fantastic project to unify the university and the Milledgeville area,' SGA president Zach Mullins

Chambers was inspired by the idea while visiting another university. He experienced how much the mascot meant not only to the students but also to the community as a whole.

Chambers wanted to find a way for the Milledgeville community to give back to the university. Many local businesses and organizations have met this idea with enthusiasm. "When everyone knew

what it was for, the selling wasn't difficult. Everyone wanted to support the college," Chambers said.

Students, including junior mass communication major Hillary Strickland, are excited about the prospect of the community and the university being united.

"This community is great-

#### At a Glance: **Bobcat Sponsors**

- Frank and Joann Chambers along with The Wilkinson County
- The Brick
- Merritt Massey and Karen Rowell with State Farm Insurance SGA
- Melder Properties

Note: A sixth sponsor has been lined up for the last statue but has not yet been announced.

> Source: Lee Snelling GRAPHIC BY: REBECCA BURNS

ly impacted by the university, and the statues would only increase community participa-

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### Scoping out food safety: A behind-the-scenes look at Milledgeville's restaurant industry

Allison Bramlett & MATT ROGERS SENIOR REPORTERS

Foodborne illnesses are responsible for an estimated 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,200 deaths each year, according to a 2002 study by the Centers for Disease Control.

With these numbers, public health officials are cracking down on the way food is prepared and stored, especially since 52 percent of foodborne disease outbreaks were associated with restaurants or delicatessens, according to a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control from 1998 to 2004.

Although Baldwin County's environmental health specialist, Claire Edmonds, finds most foodborne outbreaks are not caused by restaurants, but what she calls "potluck." For an outbreak to occur, two or more people from different families have a similar illness resulting from consuming common food.

Edmonds has been an inspector for eight years, with the last three being in Milledgeville. She is certified to inspect restaurants, public swimming pools, septic tanks and bioterrorism. She conducts health inspections for every restaurant in Milledgeville, averaging about 30 to 35 restaurants each month.

**Problems with Inspections** 

Restaurant inspections occur three times a year and are unannounced. The time spent at each restaurant can range from one to three hours. However, if the score is unsatisfactory, a follow-up inspection is conducted a few days later to reevaluate the restaurant's condition, which normally improves, along with their score, according to Edmonds.

Some critics wonder though if a one-tothree viewing of a restaurant's operations is sufficient evidence that the restaurant is indeed safe. The results of a 2004 CDC study indicat-

ed several reasons why the current system of inspecting doesn't show the full picture of a restaurant. The report said that the participants identified that inspectors have limited time at each restaurant due to quotas of how many other restaurants

GRAPHIC BY: DANIELLE PALUGA

At a Glance:

Top deadliest

food pathogens

Salmonella.....31%

Tocoplasma.....21%

Norwalk-like Viruses...7%

Campylobacter.....5%

E.coli 0157:H7.....3%

they must inspect. The fact that most inspections occur from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. does not show the restaurants busiest times, which usually occur after these

Source: CDC

Also, participants in a CDC study felt there was too much focus on non-food related safety such as "whether or not brooms were touching the floor during storage." Emphasis on these regulations can divert attention from more critical food related regulations.

Language barriers can also wreak havoc for inspectors, as it can be frustrating for both parties since each speak a language different from their own. Breaking through language barriers is often a big issue for Edmonds.

Another issue arises from restaurants normal high employee turnover rate. Health inspectors may see a problem and inform employees how to do an action correctly, but by the next time the inspector returns, new employees may have taken their spots and the problem reoccurs.

Lastly, food managers may also have a lack of food safety education or they themselves may practice bad food safety, which enhances their food safety problems according to a CDC study. If a restaurant faces ongoing regulation problems, the next step is for the health inspector to educate the owner or manager. If it persists, the education is continued, but the code enforcer is called in and a citation is

Corporate vs. Local

Changing management in restaurants tends to cause problems, especially in chain restaurants where its corporate offices rely on management to keep things in order. The owners of "mom and pop" restaurants, as Edmonds calls them, are generally around more often and therefore managers and owners are able to watch their employees.

Yet when it comes to their first inspections, "mom and pop" restaurants receive more notes and feedback about regulations because they have not all had the training in food safety that corporate restaurants mandate.

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ALLISON BRAMLETT & MATT ROGERS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS Jon Joiner, one of the owners of Amici, practices food safety while preparing pizza for a customer. Amici has a reputation for being careful with their food safety. Their restaurant currently holds a score of 91, however, their last four scores were 100s.

Scientific breakthroughs have shed light on the importance of food safety. See how food safety has developed through 4862 Abraham Lincoln founded the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Charles M. Wetherill was appointed the head of the Bureau of Chemistry, the USDA's predecessor.

1860

19<sup>06</sup> President Theodore Roosevelt passed the original Pure Food and Drug Act. The Meat Inspection Act passed after unsanitary meatpacking conditions in were found.

President Chester Arthur igned an act implementing the Bureau of Animal Industry, which was to focus on the prevention of using diseased

animals for food.

The Food and

Drug Administration

was established by

the Federal government.

The Fair Packaging and Labeling Act passed

1987 The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation was established in and is the industry's leading resource for training and educational programs,

Department of Health,

Education and Welfare became

the Department of Health and

Human Services.

2000

The Georgia Department of Human Resources Board changed the way restaurants are graded and the way those grades are posted.

Source: fsis.usda.gov

#### GRAPHIC BY: ALLISON BRAMLETT & MATT ROGERS

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addition downtown, but not all feedback regarding the project was positive. Sophomore mass communication major Ala Bishop did not think the location would be suitable for student life.

While there may be a need for more space for students to live off-campus, that's a very awkward choice for condo location. I can't imagine having to deal with that, talk about neighbors." Bishop noisy said.

There are currently apartments above some of the downtown businesses, but the Binion's are hoping to appease a larger population with the addition of six more.

"(The condominiums) will make it where there's people downtown 24/7 every week," Washlesky said. "It will make it a safer place. It will make it a busier place. People can shop longer and later and still be there to frequent the restaurants more often. It just adds a little bit of vitality to downtown, keeps it alive.

The project is through the design phase and has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Fire Marshall. Milledegville Main Street and the brothers are now working on getting approval through the state and approval for low-interest loans before the project can break ground.

The project doesn't have an exact price tag yet, but they have already received four quotes. According to Washlesky, the condominiums will sell around \$250,000. The current estimated cost is \$1.3 million, which will be funded the brothers' company Forbin Partners. They are also going to spruce up the appearance of their three existing businesses.

'One of the things you always want in a downtown is for people to be there longer and having residences right downtown," Washlesky said. "It's like a downtown dream come true.

#### At a Glance: Downtown Condos

What: Six condominiums scheduled for construction in October

Location: Downtown above McMillan's Shoe Service, The Baldwin B ulletin and Pinnacle Satellite and Ultra Force Security

DETAILS: Each unit will have two bedrooms and two baths. They will have a brick exterior and 12 parking spaces in the back for the residents.

ESTIMATED COST: 1.3 million

SELLING PRICE: Roughly \$250,000

DATE OF COMPLETION: July 2011

GRAPHIC BY: REBECCA BURNS



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### **Den renovations** set for completion

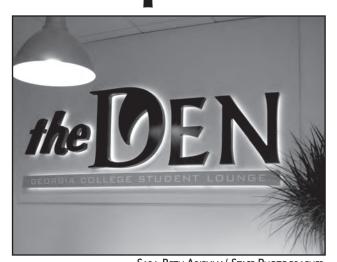
STAFF WRITER

The Den, located in the Student Activities Center, is undergoing a massive remodeling project in order to bring GČŜU a new, totally revamped area for students to enjoy. Before the project began, The Den was what Zach Mullins, Student Government Association president, referred to as, "a bad reflection on the student body."

SGA realized that The Den was not an area that was well-known or wellliked as a student hangout

SGA then decided to renovate the space to provide an updated area students would enjoy.

"I can't wait to go and watch football games there," freshman Phil Creviston said when told about the renovation project.



SARA BETH ARIEMMA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Den is in the process of renovation to include plasma televisions, complementary beverages, massage chairs, Foosball, a Mac work station and many other amenities for students.

Allocating funds from student activity fees from the year and rollback funds from the SGA budget, Mullins and others hired an outside agency to come in and remodel The Den.

According to Mullins, the objective behind the project was "providing the living room for [students] to hang out in."

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tion and support," Strickland said. "I think it is also a great way for the Milledgeville businesses and organizations to show their support of the university and its students."

Chambers has been working with Lee Snelling, the senior development officer with University Advancement, for over a year on this project.

Cowpainters, a Chicago-based company, was chosen to manufacture these statues. Chambers has been working closely with this company, providing them pictures of what the bobcats should look like. Finally an image was decided on. The statues have been completed and were delivered to GCSU in July. The final stage is for the art department to paint each statue with a unique design.

Each sponsor chooses where their bobcat will be placed and the design they want it to be painted in. Sponsors will be recognized with a plaque placed on the statue.

'We are looking at them being around campus but are open to them being in the community." Snelling said.

According to Snelling, the sponsors for the first five statues are Frank and Joann Chambers, along with The Wilkinson County Bank, The Brick, Merritt Massey and Karen Rowell with State Farm Insurance, SGA, and Melder Properties. A sixth sponsor has been lined up and final details are being worked out for the last statue.

Many students are looking forward to this project and all of the possible benefits these statues may bring.

"They will help promote school spirit," senior special education major Justin Stubbs said. "Hopefully traditions will be started through them. Students could go visit them before athletics events.'

#### **CONNECTING WHAT MATTERS**



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#### Agenda

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

#### Presentation

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2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

**Panel Discussion** 

Careers in Public Health, Science and Medicine

3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

**Panel Discussion** Careers in Business, Communications and

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Federal Agency representatives will participate in these discussions, focusing on career areas for liberal arts, business and health sciences majors.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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Attire: Students are strongly encouraged to wear business casual or professional attire.

**RSVP:** Contact the University Career Center at (478) 445-5384 or career.center@gcsu.edu.



CHARMAINE TESINA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

From left to right, Jenny Dunphy, Brett Compton, Matthew McCollum and Hannah Smith create spin art at CAB's Fall Frenzy Wednesday afternoon. At the festival there were snow cones, a water balloon fight, a pie in the face station and a hot dog eating contest.

### Fall Frenzy draws crowd to Front Campus activities

Alexandria Bell STAFF WRITER

The CAB Fall Frenzy event had been at work since the beginning of the year. Originally planned during the summer, the event had a successful turn out on Sept. 8. More than 100 students came out to support the event, which lasted from 12 p.m. to

"CAB events are just for students to enjoy between classes," Courtney Murrah, CAB vice president of special events, said.

To prepare for the event, there were eleven "cabbies'

that volunteered to help out. "I like being involved. I love this organization," ju-

nior marketing major Barbara Frazier said. The expectation for stu-

dents to enjoy themselves was well understood by the CAB crew, who prepared popcorn and snow-cones for the hot afternoon. Activities like the "pie in the face" and the hot dog eating contest had eight student participants. Two of the four students that participated in the "pie in the face" event were Student Government Association representative Jay Parker and Editor in Chief of The Colonnade,

Matt Chambers. Senior rhet-oric major Jack Webber won the hot dog eating contest. Later that afternoon followed a water balloon fight around

With an array of colors, spin art was provided for the students to take a piece of CAB with them.

"I have never seen spin art before. I think it should be super fun," Anna Lopez Ratouis said. A long line of students fol-

lowed Anna, all waiting to create a piece of art.

Editor's Note: Courtney Murrah is the Assistant Copy Editor for The Colonnade

#### Radio

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extending learning beyond the classroom," Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications Harry Battson said. "The station may provide additional opportunities for internships and practicum students, perhaps even graduate assistants.'

GCSU faculty will not be employed under the new station, though their involvement will come through volunteering, potential practicum advisors and guests on shows.

Having two stations under a moderately sized campus seems as if a competition is being born, but each will operate autonomously with different advisement. WGUR will still provide students amenities that WRGC will not. Students will have more freedom to choose their own programming and will get more hands-on experience in the production aspects of radio through WGUR. There is no competitive aspect within

the stations," General Manager of WGUR Ben Elliott said. "WGRC is a completely new entity. It will be more professionally run, whereas WGUR is still professional, but is more of a learning environment for students with intentions to pursue radio."

Senior mass communication major Ansley Tiller, disc jockey of WGUR's "It's Tiller Time!," also thinks it will be a great learning opportunity for students.

"This is great because if a student wants a career in radio, they can now pick two different styles of programming to see what best fits them," Tiller said.

Teaming with GCTV, the new station will give GCSŬ an even bigger media outlet to achieve their ultimate goal, to inform the population on and around campus.

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A 2005 GCSU alumna and Regional Admissions Counselor, Aerial Merritt

has a different opinion. 'We use it informally once people are here, but using it on business cards, Tshirts and street signs would be a bad idea in my opinion," Merritt said. "If you look at Georgia Tech's business cards, they don't say 'Georgia Tech' on them. They say 'Georgia Institute of Technology.' Doing an informal name change is just opening the door for a formal name change later on."

change with the re-branding is the school's logo.

"Where it currently reads 'and state university' [underneath the column on the left], disappear," Mullins said. "The font for Georgia College will also undergo a slight change."

Junior music therapy major Grace Nichols approves of the change as well.

"I'm not opposed to it," Nichols said. "Making changes is how our society works and abbreviating it to make it easier to say makes sense."

Undeclared major freshman Taylor Mann feels similarly as well.

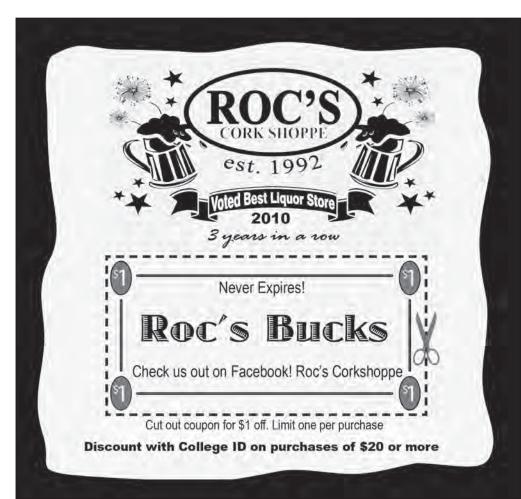
"I'm tired of the school being confused with Geor-

Another aspect that will gia State University," Mann said. "I think that informally shortening it to Georgia College is a great idea.

Since the school was chartered in 1889, it has undergone six different name changes, the most recent to GCSU occurring in 1996.

"We have to stick with one name for longer than 14 years if we're going to want to get any recognition," Merritt said.

The logo change and informal name change will still have to be approved by SGA before anything else can be done on the topic. The first meeting for SGA will take place on Sept. 15, and the rebranding and informal name change will be discussed on Sept. 22.



KEVIN HALL STAFF WRITER

Noise from the passing log trucks can be heard down Hancock Street and it is beginning to become a problem for faculty that have offices nearby.

"They are starting to get so loud that they knocked a picture off of my wall and shattered the glass," said Amy Mimes, administrative assistant for the Department of History, Geography and Philoso-

Efforts have been made to try and reroute these trucks to places with less foot traffic in the city, but to no avail. Other proposed routes that have been considered were North Jefferson Street or Martin

Luther King Boulevard, but no progress has been achieved to make these changes.

"One of the new routes would cost too much money that we just don't have right now, and the other would change the makeup of a community," said Belinda Washlesky, executive director of Milledgeville Main Street. "We are continuing to look for other options for these trucks because we want our downtown to be more pedestrian friendly.'

The staff and faculty at the school do not appear to be the only ones who would like to see some

"It's really annoying how truckers can just drive down Hancock Street," senior marketing major Emily Beatty said. "When I lived at the Zeta Tau Alpha House on North Columbia Street, we would often hear 18-wheelers passing by and with these historic homes it can severely mess up the foundation."

In addition to home or office damage, the traffic these trucks cause can also create issues for drivers and pedestrians.

"I usually walk everywhere, but when I do drive I sometimes get stuck behind those log trucks," said Kimmie Wingo, a junior marketing major.

Although the truck route currently cannot be changed, the city is looking into options to aleviate some of the issues.



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Log trucks and 18-wheelers frequent Hancock Street where numerous GCSU students, faculty and staff use crosswalks to get to and from classes. "They are starting to get so loud that they knocked a picture off of my wall and shattered the glass," said Amy Mimes, administrative assistant for the Department of History, Geography

#### Renovation

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Campus Life has aided in choosing the items that would be included in the remodeled Den. A Bose surround sound system, Mac computer bar, complimentary fountain drinks, Foosball tables, air hockey tables, massage chairs, new gaming systems, a projection screen and eight plasma screen televisions will all be added to the newly remodeled Den.

Mullins said it is going to be the details that make the place, and every aspect has been specifically chosen.

Movie posters will showcase upcoming selections for The Den's movie nights. Two plasma televisions are located next to the projection screen to provide students the ultimate game-day

Not only was The Den stocked with new technology and features, but Sodexo has also set up a food station that will be available to students while in The Den.

Cynthia Rodriguez Cano, assistant professor of marketing, has been helping promote The Den by getting her marketing students involved. They have been orga-



SARA BETH ARIEMMA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Den is expected to be completed by the end of Fall semester for student use.

nizing advertising campaigns to inform the student body about The Den and its new

According to SGA, The Den is projected to be open in late October.

# Latino fraternity promotes cultural diversity at GCSU

Alexandria Bell STAFF WRITER

Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity Inc. focuses on instituting diversity on

The fraternity is represented in over 60 countries and claims its cultural identity to be the Taino Indian.

"We want to create Greek unity, as in, mainstream Greeks usually promote events alone, and we want to bridge the gap between all Greek organizations," junior computer science major Joe Coleman said.

The fraternity arrived on GCSU's campus April 16, Baez, G3 Javier Beccera, and G4 Joe Coleman as members of the Elysium Chapter.

2010 presenting G1 Camilo

GCSU is one of the only two institutions in Georgia to have the fraternity on its campus. The fraternity was established by its 20 founding fathers at Rutgers University on April 5, 1979. Out of respect for them, the members chose to keep the "Latino Fraternity" and uphold as tradition.

Their national philanthropy is HIV and AIDS research.

"We want to be active in the community and make positive changes," senior criminal justice major Camilo Baez said.

The four goals of the fraternity include, academic success, brotherhood, to promote cultural diversity, and to be role models for the com-

"Our focus this year is to promote diversity on campus and community service," the president of the chapter junior biology major Javier Beccera said.

The fraternity is constitutionally bound as a brother to its multi-cultural sister sorority, Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority Inc. The sorority is not yet on campus, but is hoping to start sometime this semester.

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#### **Food** Continued from page 2...

"(Corporate restaurants) make it foolproof," Edmonds said.

**Local Inspections** 

Some of the categories evaluated for each restaurant are checking for the proper temperature for various equipment used, ensuring no food preparation items are closer than six inches from the floor and that gloves are used by employees who handle food that is "ready to

eat," according to Edmonds.
"She checks everything from temperatures to the food you have on your line to if the guys are wearing their gloves or if they are washing their hands correctly," said Amici owner Jonathan "Bob" Ewing.

Amici Italian Café has been noted by Edmonds for being conscientious of their food safety. They received 100s on their last four inspections. However, their current score is a 91 due to their cooler being 10 degrees above the regulation temperature. Ewing attributes this to frequent use of the cooler.

"It was on our pizza line, so lids are opened and closed very frequently," Ewing said. "It's just a matter of getting people to close them every time they open it.'

According to Georgia's food code, at least one food service manager on staff must have completed a food safety training program and passed an American National Standards Institute (Conference for Food Protection) exam. This certification, usually approved by ServSafe, must be renewed every five years.

Both Ewing and his business partner, Jon Joiner, are ServSafe certified. According to Ewing, this is to ensure at least one ServSafe certified staff is present on site at all times.

Some Milledgeville restaurants have seen inconsistent inspection scores due to these problems, something Edmonds also attributes to the restaurant not being able to keep a good manager or owner. The Milledgeville Taco Bell and Papa John's Pizza are examples of fluctuating health scores due to changing management.

According to health inspection documents in Aug. 2008, Edmonds noted Ap-

plebee's Neighborhood Grill for seeing roaches and flies during her inspection. However, this type of violation has been a rare occurrence in Milledgeville restaurants in

the last two years. The most common problems Edmonds sees are employees not wearing gloves, the use of the hand sink for food and drinks and employees wearing bracelets and other jewelry.

Edmonds said the only problem she has encountered in Milledgeville is one restaurant owner not taking her or the inspection seriously, which resulted in a low score of 63. After that, Edmonds said the owner straightened

"If they don't take me seriously, that's fine," Edmonds said. "I can punish them with a pencil.'

Edmonds reassures that the majority of Milledgeville restaurants are great places

"Most (restaurants) try to do what's right," Edmonds said. "It's in their best inter-

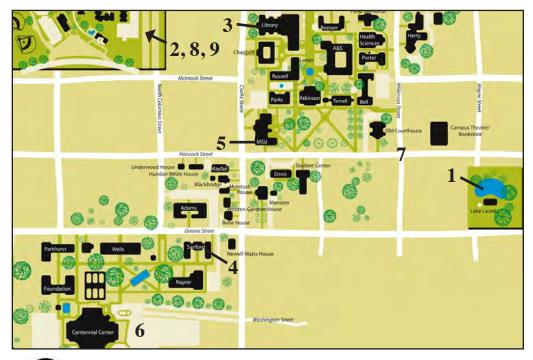
Editor's Note: Allison Bramlett & Matt Rogers wrote this story and graduated Spring 2010.



CAB: Stand Up Comedy Night (Magnolia Ballroom)

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#### SAFETY REPORT



LOST IN LAKE LAUREL According to a Public Safety report, on August 31 at approximately 11:54 a.m. Major Grant was dispatched to a call of a person who was lost at Lake Laurel. A male had gone to Lake Laurel at 7 a.m. to find items for his biology project and several hours later became disoriented. Major Grant made contact with him on his cell phone and drove around the area activating his siren until the male could hear it. He was able to come out near Springhill Baptist Church, where he was picked up by Major Grant.

#### 2 Courtyard conflict

According to a Public Safety report, on September 1 at approximately 3:45 a.m. a male reported that he had been sitting in the courtyard at The Village with his girlfriend when two males, who appeared to be intoxicated, approached him and asked if they could be let into their apartment. When the male stated that he did not work or live at The Village, one of the males struck him in the side of his face. The two males then left the area and entered Building 1. Sgt. Reonas responded to the scene and searched the area, but due to him being the only officer on patrol, was unable to make a more thorough investigation. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

#### WAL-MART OUTRAGE

According to a Public Safety report, on September 3 at approximately 2:49 a.m. a female reported that her suitemate had threatened to cut her with a box knife. She stated that the suitemate became angry and threatened her when she went to Wal-Mart and did not take her. The female advised she was too uncomfortable to stay at her room in Sanford Hall and the box knife was removed from the room by Sgt. Miller.

#### BANNER SNATCHING

According to a Public Safety report, on September 3 at approximately 3:0/ a.m. a Student Night Auxiliary Patrol officer advised Officer Ransom that he observed a male stealing a banner from the side of Maxwell Student Union. Contact was made with the male, who matched the description given. He had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and was found to be 19 years of age. When given a Breathalyzer test, he registered .215. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

#### Marijuana fog

According to a Public Safety report, on September 3 at approximately 1:34 a.m. while working in plain clothes, Sgt. Reonas observed a truck in the Centennial parking lot with the door cracked open and the rear top light on. When he turned around and then turned back, the light on the truck had gone off. Sgt. Reonas saw that the windows were fogged up and knocked on the drivers side window. When the driver opened the door, Sgt. Reonas could immediately smell the odor of burning marijuana and saw the cab was filled with smoke. Contact was made with the occupants. All admitted to smoking marijuana and a search of the vehicle found a glass pipe, which still had marijuana in the bowl. Sgt. Reonas was able to detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle, but all subjects denied drinking. When given a Breathalyzer test, all subjects tested positive for alcohol. All subjects were arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Underage Possession of Al-

#### 8 YARD SALE TROUBLES

According to a Public Safety report, on August 30 at approximately 12:53 p.m. Officer Hicks was dispatched to The Village in reference to a street sign in an apartment. Contact was made with a male, who advised he bought the sign at a yard sale in Savannah. He stated that he did not have any other signs and did not want the one in his room, so Officer Hicks brought the sign to the GCSU Police station.

#### TECH THEFT

According to a Public Safety report, on August 26 at approximately 12:45 p.m. a GCSU technology employee reported that between May 19 and August 26 a laptop came up missing which is worth \$1850. The laptop had been entered into inventory on May 19 and the last known record was when it was checked off inventory on May 25 by I.T. personnel. The case is under investigation.

#### By The Numbers

**Citations for Improper Parking** 

**Charges for Underage Possession** of Alcohol

Failures to Yield to **Pedestrian** 

Warnings for **Speeding** 

#### Don't shoot birds

According to a Public Safety report, on September 3 at approximately 2:38 a.m. Lt. Williams observed a male walk into traffic at Hancock and Wilkinson streets, disregarding the "Do Not Walk" signal. As the male was walking across the street, he "shot a bird" at Lt. Williams. Contact was made with the male, who had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, bloodshot and glassy eyes, unsteady on his feet and admitted to drinking earlier. He advised he shot the bird at Williams because he was tired of almost getting hit by cars. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol. While searching the male, Lt. Williams found a fake ID used to purchase alcohol.

#### KICKED OUT TWICE

According to a Public Safety report, on September 4 at approximately 7:54 p.m. Milledgeville PD Officer Smith and Officer Tapley were investigating an alleged sexual assault and thought the offender was staying at The Village. Contact was made with a male at The Village who advised that he had been kicked out of his house in Brunswick and had been staying with his girlfriend at The Village since April. Since this is a violation of University Housing Policy, the case has been turned over to Housing. The sexual assault case is being handled by Milledgeville

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Friday, September 10

7 p.m.

4:30 p.m. **Bobcat Invitational Cross Country Meet** 

(West Campus)

5 p.m. Bobcats Soccer vs. Florida Tech-Harding (West Campus)

Bobcats Soccer vs. Anderson (West Campus) 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, September 11

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. SGA Inaugural Ceremony (Magnolia Ballroom)

#### Sunday, September 12

11 a.m. Bobcats Soccer vs. Florida Tech (West Campus) 1:30 p.m. Bobcats Soccer vs. Harding-Anderson

#### Monday, September 13

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Food for Thought on Convenient Foods (Fountain)

#### **Tuesday, September 14**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Food for Thought on Sugar and Snacks

(Fountain)

Ceremonial groundbreaking for the Wellness & 4 p.m. Recreation Center (West Campus)

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. WELLness: Freedom from Smoking

(211 Health Sciences)

Trombonastics featuring international trombone solois 7:30 p.m. Scott Hartman (Max Noah Recital Hall)

2010-2011 Visiting Writers Series: GCSU Graduate 7:30 p.m.

Adam Elenbaas (A&S Auditorium)

#### Wednesday, September 15

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Food for Thought on Beverages (Fountain)

12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Career Center: Federal Government Career Day (MSU Lounge)

12 p.m. Finding & Applying for Federal Jobs,

Internships, and Student Programs

2 p.m. Panel Discussion: Careers in Public Health, Science, and Medicine

3 p.m. Panel Discussion: Careers in Business,

Communications, and Program Management 4 p.m. Networking & Information Exchange

SGA Senate (SAC: Dogwood Conference Room) Making All Things Possible, From Resume to Pay

check presented by almumn (Atkinson 107)

Times Talk (Beeson Hall)

To Kill A Mockingbird (Russel Auditorium)

#### Thursday, September 16

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WELLness: Food for Thought on Grocery Shopping (Fountain)

To Kill A Mockingbird (Russel Auditorium) 8 p.m.

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### **Beyond the Columns**

#### **Action** What it means When, Where U.N. officials announ-September 7 The number of rapes in the Congo ceed the number of has doubled since the previous Democratic rapes and other sexual estimate in August. The rapes Republic of Congo attacks in eastern Conhave occurred in villages near go at more than 500 the transit routes for illegally since late July. extracted minerals by both rebel militias and government troops. Over 15,000 rapes were reported annually for the past two years in the Congo. September 7 Colorado Gov. Bill Officials estimate that 92 struc-Colorado Ritter declared a state tures including 53 homes and 11 of emergency Tuesday square miles of land have burned as firefighters battled so far and the U.S. Forest Service the 6,168 acre blaze expects the fire to grow. Eight near Boulder possible people reamin missing. started by an exploding propane tank. A search of Robert Anthony Qui-September 7 Former soldier arnones residence in Hinesville, Georgia rested for a hostage Georgia revealed 11 long guns, incident at a military four pistols, multiple rounds

base in Georgia faces multiple charges including threatening to kill President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton in addition to assault of a federal officer and kidnapping.

of ammunition and dozens of bayonets and knives as well as books about FBI hostage rescue teams, the Russian Mafia, and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, and in a statement Quinones rated the seriousness of his threats on a scale of 1 to 10 as 10. He appears before a U.S. magistrate judge in Savannah on

#### Wednesday 8 San Francisco, Ca.

Google unveiled its newest search engine update Google Instant at the Museum of Modern Art.

Google Instant aims to save users two to five seconds per search by predicting users' searches and giving results to queries before the user even finishes typing. Fifteen new technologies contribute to the functionality of the search enhancement.

Wednesday.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

# <u>Opinion</u>

### Our Voice

Show some school spirit. It won't kill you, we promise.



By now most of you have seen the Spirit Defender video on You-Tube. It's a funny thought, Thunder tackling you because you are wearing a T-shirt from a different school. But should we really have a spirit problem?

Of course you have the right to wear what you want, but would it really hurt to show a little more school spirit every once in a while? We might not have a football team, which some people don't mind at all (less partying), but that doesn't mean we are any less of a school. GCSU is great and we've got tons of other sports to be proud of, but still pride is a little down here.

It doesn't help that GCSU has some people biding their time to transfer to other schools. What's wrong with staying here? We constantly hear people saying that the schools are better at other places. Who's to say which is better? And why?

We have lots of transfer students from two-year schools so GCSU can't be all bad. We should start showing our school spirit more so we can keep growing as a university and who knows? We might even get a football team that way.

Being a small school does have its benefits and that's probably the reason why you chose this college in the first place.

First, once you get further into your major you will get to know your teachers much better and that means better letters of recommendation. Class will also be smaller here.

Second, there is a lot less competition here. You have a greater chance of gaining experience in the club of your choice because they are smaller. Being able to move up in ranks is great for résumés and experience.

Third, we are a part of a smaller community than many other schools in Georgia. This means our reaching out is needed more and can be felt in a greater way.

We all go to a good school. So we should show our pride for it not just by attending sports games and wearing a GCSU sweatshirt, but also by sharing our

pride with our friends by talking about how cool our school is. The Colonnade bets that UGA doesn't have to threaten its students with a dog attack to get them to wear red and black, so why do we have to?



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**Head to Head** 



### **Arizona's Immigration Law**

#### It's 'political posturing'

JONATHAN SAVITSKE

I know people out there have their own opinion of the recent immigration law enacted by the state of Arizona. I have my own opinion as well. People may not like it, but I have a right to believe what I think, and I think that Arizona got it right. That's right. Arizona is in the right. This is a state issue.

Their state is being overrun by Mexican drug cartels, and the violence escalates by the day. Immigration isn't the issue; it's the violence.

Can you guess what the number two city in the world for kidnapping is? It's not in Asia, South America or Africa. It's right here in the good 'ole United States of America It's Phoenix Ariz

America. It's Phoenix, Ariz.

Can you believe it? I barely could when I found this out, but it's the cold hard truth. Arizona is being overrun, and as usual the federal government has made no effort to secure the border and keep the violence and drug trade out.

They keep tabling the issue, waiting for another administration to tackle it because they themselves are afraid to. Seeing how her state was going to complete hell, Gov. Jan Brewer decided to do something, and something drastic.

Now, police would have the right to ask for the immigration status of individuals that they feel may in fact be illegal immigrants. Arizona SB 1070 is a law meant to help protect the state of Arizona from crime that comes in through the border, not immigrants seeking a better life. Opponents would make you believe that the law is racist, targeting all Hispanics, but this is simply not the case. It is meant to control crime. It is meant to control the kidnapping, drug trade and murders that come through the border.

Recently across the border, 72 innocent people were massacred by a Mexican drug cartel. This is what is coming over the border.

This is what Arizona is trying to prevent. This law is also a form of political posturing, forcing the federal government to do something. Maybe perhaps this time the feds will listen.

#### It's a 'smart move'

KAHLIM BARCLAY

It's understandable how the Arizona law SB 1070 came into effect. This nation is clearly under a serious immigration crisis, and the southwestern states near the border of Mexico are definitely taking on the brunt of the issues that arise from the immigration debacle. Immigration has been a paramount issue within the United States for decades, but for the past 10 years it has come to the forefront of American debate. In addition to U.S. federal law requiring all aliens to register and carry documentation, Arizona SB 1070 goes one extra step to make it a state misdemeanor crime for an alien to be in Arizona without carrying the proper and required documents. The law also makes it a state misdemeanor to prevent the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and seeks to prevent sheltering, transporting and hiring of illegal immigrants.

Although the law sounds harsh and potentially overbearing, I can see why the state of Arizona decided to create and implement the law. Arizona is experiencing an influx of doing smuggling activities, crime and unemployment due to the increasing numbers of individuals crossing the U.S. border from Mexico.

Two wars, an economic downturn, health care issues and a variety of other issues have prevented the federal government from acting in its own hands. I applaud Arizona for acting when the federal government has not; however, constitutionally speaking, Arizona cannot preside over immigration. The Supremacy Clause allows only the federal government to have authority over immigration matters. Arizona challenges that fact, claiming it only is providing concurrent enforcement of federal law.

Whatever the case, Arizona has definitely gained the media's attention, allowing for a national discussion of the growing immigration crisis. This law was a smart move by Arizona. It serves as a wake-up call to the federal government and encourages more states to do the same in order to force federal government action on the pressing issues of immigration and immigration reform

#### What do you think about the immigration law?

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### My roommate's parent trap

While in college roommates start out as strangers, but over the course of four years they become family. They eat your food. They urinate in your shower. They even forget your birthday, just like blood relatives. However, there comes a time when your roommate's parents visit, and it's up to you to make them believe their son is a child-prodigy and not a stoner who spends every night downtown.

My roommate suffers from low self-esteem, and his parents constantly remind him that he'll never be as good as his older brother, who graduated top of his class and completed law school by age 24. My roommate has always fought for his parents' approval, so I took it upon myself to make him look brilliant on his parents' last visit through flattery and deception. From now on, my roommate will be referred to as Croix because that's his real name.

When Croix's parents arrived, we swapped bedrooms because mine was clean while his resembled a library or homeless shelter. His mother praised his cleanliness, while sending



Steve Holbert

me forced smiles and silent judgment. However, she did notice the clothes littering my bedroom floor were Croix's, so as a cover-up we pretended I was a closeted kleptomaniac. I quickly stole his mother's purse and hid it under my pillow. She was more horrified than convinced, so I immediately ripped the television out of the wall, shoved it into my closet and continued as if nothing happened.

Next, I asked Croix's father if he would like something to eat or drink. He refused, but I continued to the kitchen undeterred. After hearing his father mention grades, I knew drastic action needed to be taken. I took a Beanie Baby goat, covered it with the strawberry jelly to represent the blood of the infidels and began chanting Marilyn Manson lyrics. Next, I drew a pentagram on the floor using mustard

and chocolate sauce. I invited Croix's father to join. After his refusal, I used ketchup to mark the front door and protect our household from the Angel of Death.

For some reason, Croix's parents decided to leave early, but I needed to make sure their opinion of Croix changed. His mother began talking about his girlfriend, so I called my friend Blake, who arrived at the door wearing a leopard skirt, zebra tank top and orange wig. I introduced him as Dixie Cups, my girlfriend, and the two of us pulled out pictures of mixed babies we found on Google claiming they were ours. The noise of a shifting television erupted from my closet, but I claimed it was our love child trying to escape again.

Croix escorted his parents to their car, and upon his return I learned my tactics had been a huge success. However, he did believe keying "Our Child Walks On Water" into their hood was a tad overkill. Since the visit, Croix's overall confidence has risen, and I can't wait to see what he does when my parents come down next weekend.

### Obama's vigor returns



Bridgforth

Voter enthusiasm is one of the biggest factors in any election, but especially midterm elections. Each party has to make sure that their base is passionate and ready to support their respective candidates come November. For months, the left's excitement for this election has been somewhat lukewarm. This administration inspired and brought millions of new voters into the process and had a campaign communications strategy in 2008 that was nearly flawless.

What happened to that? For months, the message from the left has been at best muddled and the enthusiasm for the past several months shows that. Only recently it seems like candidate Obama is coming out to fight just like he did in 2008. The president was in Milwaukee, Wis., on Labor Day and had arguably one of the most fiery speeches of the campaign season using his car in the ditch reference about republicans:

"Do you want to give them the keys back? Me neither. And do you know why? Because they don't know how to drive," Obama said. "At a time when we're just getting out of the ditch, they'd pop it in reverse, let the special interests ride shotgun and hit the gas, careening right back into that ditch.

He went on to say that if he said the sky was blue or there were fish in the sea, republicans would say no. This energy is what the left has been waiting for. But is it too little too late? I don't believe the cement on voter enthusiasm has solidified vet, but it's almost there. Republicans are fired up and from the president's rhetoric recently, it seems like he's finally getting there as well. Granted, much can still happen in two months, if he can campaign with this much vigor all the way to November, he might be able to save some of those who are on the ballot this

#### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, Before addressing the controversial topic of the ground zero mosque, I'd just like to commend both Jonathan Savitske and Kahlim Barclay for their well-thought-out arguments. I've read both opinions carefully, done my own research and come to the conclusion that I agree with Savitske's argument. What it all boils down to is not what is constitutional; obviously that's not the quandary, but what is honorable.

It's true, as previously noted, the mosque is being built two blocks away, but when those towers came down their impact wasn't just on a nice neat little area. It affected the entire city. Just because the building is considered (barely) out of the region of ground zero, (which is ironic considering the building itself was damaged in the Sept. 11 attacks) that doesn't mean those living and working in that area don't remember daily the nightmare that transformed the city.

It's not that everyone should think of Islam as responsible for the actions of the murderous terrorists that caused the deaths of more than 3,000 people, because it's not dogma, personality or even upbringing that kills people. Every murder is a choice. The terrorists made the choice to take the lives

could, and hypothetically speaking, taking away the religious freedom of Muslims because of the choices made by members of an extremist sect of their religion, will only spiral into a discriminative cycle of hate that we will regret down the road later in life.

However, even democratic U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Greene of Florida noted, "freedom of religion might provide the right to build the mosque in the shadow of ground zero, but common sense and respect for those who lost their lives and loved ones gives sensible reason to build the mosque someplace else."

The mission statement of the group Cordoba Initiative, who are the ones responsible for the development of the mosque, states that its chief goal is, "solving some of the most intractable conflicts in the world..." by reliev-ing tensions and hostilities between the western world and the Muslim world.

However, Executive Director of human-rights group Stop Islamicization of America (whose goal is to fight Islamic extremism), Pamela Geller decried this claim when she stated, "What could be more insulting and humiliating than a monster mosque in the shadow of the World Trade Center buildings that were brought down by an Islamic jihad attack? Any decent American, Muslim or otherwise, wouldn't dream of such an insult. It's a stab in the eye of America.'

Paul Sipos, member of the Community Board that originally accepted the mosque proposition, later regretted his decision, telling The New York Post, "If the Japanese decided to open a cultural center across from Pearl Harbor, that would be insensitive... if the Germans opened a Bach choral society across from Auschwitz, even after all these years, that would be an insensitive setting. I have absolutely nothing against Islam. I just think: Why there?"

Columnist Andrea Peyser of The New York Post adds that even, "the opening date (of the mosque) shall live in infamy: Sept. 11, 2011. The (tenth) anniversary of the day a hole was punched in the city's heart." This is not insensitivity, this is cruel belligerent arrogance. In light of the peaceful appeasing mission statement Cordoba Initiative issued, I would say, "hypocritical much?!"

In conclusion, I want to give a closing quote that I thought summarized the situation rather well. 1 Corinthians 10:23 says, "all things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up.'

Kristin Cotton Junior, creative writing

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You know you bleed blue and green when you message the litterbox as an alumni just for old

dear roommate, i get that showers are meant to get you clean, but please, for the love of everything holy, when you leave BLACK marks all over the tub, CLEAN IT UP. There are those of us who like to take a bath to get clean, not step in your left over grime.

Mr. Jones, please leaves your politics and prejudices outside the classroom. I did not pay for this class to hear about your views on American politics, I came to get taught about business communication.... even though that is kinda depressing....

There is never anywhere to park near the art department, that is not 2 hour parking and all my classes are 3 hours.

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### **3**obcat **B**eat

REPORTED BY MICHAEL FORSYTH

"If they built a condominium complex near downtown, would you live there? Why or why not?"



"I would not, I think it would be completely out of place for downtown and take away from the character."

Jay Parker, junior political science major

"Yes; it would be more convinient."

Sidney Dodd, sophomore business major





"No, my position at University Housing as a CA is the best fit for me."

Matt Cobb, junior history major

"Probably, for the obvious reasons of being close to downtown.'

Amber Williams, junior criminal justice major





"No, it would be really expensive."

Andrew Johns, senior history major

"Yes, it would be right there between classes and downtown."

Adam Teft, sophomore history major



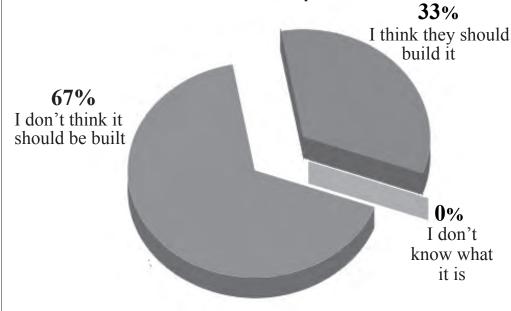


"Yes, I could walk to class; I could walk to the bars; I wouldn't have to drive any-

Michael Feliciano, junior psychology major

#### POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think about the ground zero mosque?



#### **Next week's question:**

What's your favorite GCSU Bobcat sport?

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- Cheerleading
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## <u>**Features**</u>

### Middle East to Middle Georgia

### How the Pakistani flooding is affecting GCSU

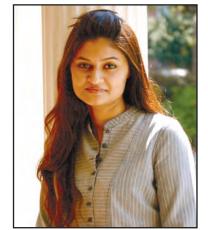
STAFF REPORTER

The torrential monsoon rains started in late July, ravishing regions of Pakistan with floods that were unprecedented. The floods have displaced millions, left over 1,000 dead and affected over 20 million people in total. Tragedies such as the flooding in Pakistan garner international response and bring out the best in a community. However, Pakistan hasn't been met with the same attention that the Haiti earthquake amassed from the GCSU community or the national community.

"I didn't know that it would be much. I was like, okay, it will be something minor," Ayesha Aslam, MBA graduate student, said. Aslam is from Lahore, the capital city of Punjab, Pakistan. Lahore wasn't directly affected by the floods. Aslam has been at GCSU since the fourth week of August and was in New York when she found out about the flooding in Pakistan.

The United Nations has already announced the floods are worse, in terms of people affected, than the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the earthquake in Haiti and the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan—combined.

"I was talking to my auntie and she was telling my dad, our city is now like an island. All the areas around are flooded because of the



AUBRIE SOFALA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Ayesha Aslam is an MBA graduate student from Pakistan.

water," Aslam said.

Pakistan has suffered crop damages up to \$500 million and structural damage of \$4 billion. The total estimated damages from the floods is \$43 billion.

"In terms of local discussion and local awareness, whether it's on the campus or in Milledgeville—it's slim to none," said Kim O'toole, a senior liberal studies major.

The lack of discussion on campus sparks from various factors. One factor is donor fatigue. In January 2010, students were surveyed in the Bobcat Beat in The Colonnade on whether they had donated to Haiti; three out of five students had contributed in some fashion. Students either don't have the means to

donate, due to bad economy, or are maxed out when it comes to donating to another disaster.

When Haiti was ravished by this huge earthquake—there was so much outpouring (of aid and support). It was kind of cool to donate to Haiti," O'toole said about the GCSU campus reaction of the earthquake in Haiti, "But you don't see anything like that here, for Pak-

A text message campaign, sponsored by the Red Cross and U.S. cell phone carriers, raised more than \$30 million of aid for the earthquake in Haiti. A similar text message campaign was started for the floods but has only raised \$10,000 so far for the relief effort in Pakistan.

Proximity also plays a role. "I was probably more affected with [hurricane] Katrina because you are closer. My friends came down from Mobile, Alabama—they were there at that time and they had to move and live with me for five or six days. So, it makes a difference when you are there," Mazhar Malik, instructional development specialist, said.

For a lot of students, the earthquake in Haiti was easier to relate to because of the short amount of distance between the United States and the disaster

"It's also a locality thing. Haiti is right there," O'toole said.

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### Pakistan's Flood



GRAPHIC BY AUBRIE SOFALA

### Making a difference in the lives of animals







Left: Jeff Duncan plays fetch with his precious pooch, Mac. Top Right: Sarah Huskisson, a volunteer at A.R.F. spends time with and walks the dogs. Bottom Right: The Animal Rescue Foundation is located at 711 South Wilkinson St. and is open Monday and Thursday through Saturday

#### At six years old, Animal Rescue Foundation still helping animals find their homes among students and residents

Anna Morris STAFF WRITER

It is seemingly impos-

sible to drive around Milledgeville and not come across a stray cat or dog scurry across the road. Organizations like the Animal Rescue Foundation of Milledgeville work to make sure a portion of the stray animals that are seen around townare being taken off the streets and placed in good homes.

#### The Beginning of A.R.F.

A.R.F. began in 1983 when Bobbie Thompson, the president of the organization, answered a call in the newspaper about starting an animal rescue foundation. For six years the A.R.F. team carried out their job in a trailer that Dr. Lee, a local veterinarian, donated to them. The association finally relocated to the shelter they work out of today and have been there for the past five years. Though Thompson

has been in the animal rescuing business for several years, she still loves every minute of it.

"It's been a roller coaster," Thompson said. "But the best part is having a successful adoption, especially with an animal that's been here for awhile."

#### **The Adopting Process**

Adopting an animal from A.R.F. isn't as easy as showing up and wanting a new animal friend.

'A lot of college kids come in here and try to adopt," Thompson said.

Unlike some animal rescue organizations, a student can't simply walk into the A.R.F. headquarters and take a dog. A.R.F. requires everyone who plans on adopting to be 21 or older, or have parental permission. Thompson stressed how difficult it is for a college student to care for an animal.

"What's going to happen during break? You can't just

leave your pet with a roommate," Thompson said. "I

"It's convenient, you don't have to take the animal to get shots or get fixed. It's already all included"

#### Scott Wofford, Junior

know it hurts us, but I would rather keep the animal here and find a permanent home than have an animal brought back a few months later.'

Although it may seem difficult to adopt from A.R.F., in the long run it is actually much easier. When junior math and computer science major Scott Wofford was asked whether he would prefer adopting a dog from an organization that gives away

dogs for free or pay \$100 for a dog from A.R.F., he said that he would rather adopt a dog from A.R.F.

"It's convenient," Wofford said. "You don't have to take the animal to get shots or get fixed. It's already all included.

#### What's To Come For A.R.F.

Thompson expects the rest of this year to be a very busy year for A.R.F. Along with hoping to gain more volunteers, the A.R.F. team is looking forward to the Petwalk at the Oconee River Greenway that is coming up on Oct. 30.

A.R.F. is also excited about their partnership with the Oconee River Greenway. They are planning on extending the greenway and riverwalk one mile to the A.R.F. property on Wilkinson Street. A fenced-in dog

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### Local man lends helping hand to stray dogs in response to good deed

Danielle Paluga STAFF REPORTER

The Putnam County animal shelter is up to its capacity in cats and has about 10 dogs that are all in need

'It's extremely important to help animals, and we are always in need of donaa worker at the shelter.

Jeff Duncan, a Putnam County sheriff, and his wife Darlene are doing just that. Helping animals is their way of paying it forward.

"Four or five years ago someone, we call her a 'good Samaritan,' paid for my pekingese to get extremely expensive back surgery. We would have had to put her down if it wasn't [for] her," said Mrs. Duncan

This mystery woman's kindness started the Duncan family's passion for helping animals. This passion also passed on to their children who encouraged them to pick up their latest rescue Mac. Their daughter encouraged them because she couldn't stand the thought of the dog being used for fighting.

They named him Mac because he was found chasing cars around the McDonald's drive-through. The whole family spent the day trying to find Mac's owners, but was unsuccessful.

Mac is up for adoption now and is very sweet and social, nothing like the stereotype of his breed: the pit

"I don't believe in letting a dog's breed determine its character. It's the environment it is raised in," Mr. Duncan said.

The Duncans do know a lot about dogs. They have three not counting Mac. Their first rescue was their dog Haley who was wandering around North Columbia Street. Mrs. Duncan said that helped start it all.

The first dog they rescued and put up for adoption was a bull terrier named Juju they found on Christmas Eve last year.

They spent a long time finding out Juju's character in order to determine

what kind of home would be best for her. She didn't know how to play at first because she had been kept on a chain, but the Duncans changed that.

Mr. Duncan holds that adopting a dog is a commitment and he still has a relationship with Juju. He often

"I am so very grateful to him and his family because he gave me a loyal and loving friend. He has a big heart..."

#### Michelle Peebles on the efforts of **Jeff Duncan**

checks on her with her new owners, who are her perfect

Michelle Peebles, who adopted Juju, is very thankful that the Duncans found

"I am so very grateful to him and his family because he gave me a loyal and loving friend. He has a big heart and I have a lot of respect for what he does,' said Peebles.

Peebles also said that she was amazed at the commitment the Duncans, especially Jeff, have toward the dogs they rescue, even the ones they want to give up for adoption. The Duncans paid to get Juju fixed and to have her shots.

"He paid for all of it out of his own pocket and wouldn't take a dime from me," Peebles said.

It's hard for the family to give the dogs up, but it makes them feel better when they know a good family is taking them. But Mr. Duncan says if something goes wrong he will take back the dog "no questions asked."
"The dogs deserve more

than their old environment. I want them to trade up,' said Mr. Duncan.

Mrs. Duncan agrees and said, "dogs are family; they aren't disposable."

Every college student needs a little help. University life comes with many questions that not one person has all the answers to. Luckily we live in an age where all the answers, or at least most of them, are at our fingertips via the Internet. Here is a short list of websites you can check out besides the ones that our school has:

#### **General Info:**

http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/Public This is a website that is sponsored by the US government. It includes helpful information like federal financial aid and how the military can help pay your college if you enlist.

http://www.students.net/

This is more for the newer students who haven't yet decided what to study. It has a career quiz that may help you choose a job that's right for you. You do need to register for the content however. There is also a link to help you prepare for interviews when it comes time to hunt for a job

#### **Adjusting to College Life:**

http://www.ulifeline.org/main/Home.html

This website is all about keeping you mentally healthy at school. Being away from home is challenging and not everyone adjusts well. Even though GCSU isn't listed on the website there are still some helpful links here.

#### **Major specific links:**

Psychology- http://www.muhlenberg.edu/depts/psychology/studentresources.html

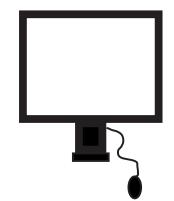
Besides our Psychology department's website this is another helpful link for students in this major. It has information about graduate school as well as other how-tos important to the major.

http://businessmajors.about.com/ A very popular major here is business and this website lists everything you should know about your chosen major.

There are pages for every major so just take the time to look yours up.

#### **After Graduation:**

http://www.quintcareers.com/grad\_jobs.html Just like the title says this is a site to help students either find a graduate school to attend or find a job when they graduate.



By Danielle Paluga

#### Make a note of it

GCSU will kick off its 2010-11 theater season with the production of the Southern classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird," which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the book written by Harper Lee.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" will be performed Wednesday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 19 in Russell Auditorium at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday at 2 p.m.. General admission tickets are \$13 and \$5 for GCSU students. Senior citizens, GCSU faculty and non-GCSU students are \$9. Groups of 10 or more are

Harper Lee's story depicts the life of Scout, the daughter of a lawyer who defends an African American against a community of prejudices and racial tensions. Growing up in a 1930's Southern town, she is faced with many moral and racial decisions.

Directed by Amy Pinney, associate professor of theatre and adapted by Christopher Sergel, "To Kill a Mockingbird" is the first ever adaption of Harper Lee's classic book published in 1960. "To Kill a Mockingbird" is a part of the GCSU

Global Citizenship Symposium on Poverty, an annual event, which GCSU will

be "putting a face on poverty."
Having only 20 days for 20 actors to rehearse, the Theatre Department faculty and students will be under strict schedul-

"I'm thrilled to be working on this beautiful story with this beautiful cast,"

The leading actors include freshman, Joseph Dumford who will play Atticus, junior Carson Butterworth as the young Scout, senior Stacey Silverman who will play Scout as an adult and senior Rashad

Coleman as Tom Robinson. The Theatre Department mission is civic outreach and social justice. We hope the play will promote the ideas of community and respect," said Karen Berman, Theatre Chair and Artistic Director of Theatre Programs.

For more information and tickets please contact the Georgia College Department of Theatre at (478) 445-4226 or visit GCSUtickets.com. Due to content, it is recommended that audience member be 13 or older.

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The lack of aid from communities to Pakistan also sparks from political reasons.

"There's definitely a lot of animosity when people talk about the Middle East. There's a lot of ignorant stuff," O'toole said.

Although, local aid and awareness have been lowthe United States has already pledged \$200 million to the Pakistan relief fund and continues to send food

and supplies. "There are still people in this world, no matter what color you are or what religion you follow—whatever you follow—they just want to go and help. It's really touching. I think that's the reason the world is still around right now," Malik said about Doctors Without Borders, which is currently in Pakistan aiding with re-

Some still feel as if this was a missed opportunity, politically and socially, by the international community. O'toole shares this point of view, saying this could have been a chance to fix the poor infrastructure damaged in the floods.

"The fact that the United States and the media, anybody really, didn't take the time to put a spotlight on Pakistan—it shows where our priorities lie, as a country, as a people, as a humanity."

#### A.R.F.Continued from page 8

park will also be added

behind the A.R.F. shelter. Numerous volunteers will be needed to assist with the project.

#### What College Students Can Do To Help

The A.R.F. team is always looking for more volunteers. Thompson relayed

that she would like more college students to come out and help. The available jobs are socializing with cats, dog walking, cleaning the shelter and much more. She asks that any GCSU student wanting to help with A.R.F. should go to The GIVE Center prior to volunteering.

Volunteering with A.R.F. can be very beneficial. Freshman biology major Leigh Vinson discussed

the ways in which working with A.R.F. would be good

"Yes I would [volunteer with A.R.F.]," Vinson said. "I would benefit by having the satisfaction of helping animals in need."

Vinson, who works at the Heart of Georgia Animal Care, feels like volunteering with A.R.F. would guide her in the right direction towards her career of working with animals.

### Downtown coffee shop hosts card competition

STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 31, Jittery Joe's hosted the first Tuesday tournament. The tournament was all about ERS or Egyptian Rat Screw, a fastpaced card game similar to Slapjack. The card game is just one of the many games Jittery Joe's plans to host on Tuesdays as a way to get students and Milledgeville residents to come see what the coffee shop is all about.

'We're just trying to get the word out that we have good coffee," said junior exercise science major Sloan Williams, a barista at Jittery Joe's, about the idea behind the coffee shop's new Tuesday night tournaments.

Jittery Joe's, a coffee shop located inside the newly renovated Campus Theatre, rents the space from GCSU. Jittery Joe's started out in Athens, Ga., and has since made a name for itself in the South with locations in Athens, Watkinsville, Savannah, Macon and Milledgeville. The Milledgeville location gets all its coffee from a small nearby roaster.

"The roaster in Athens provides all the coffee for us," said Williams about Jittery Joe's microroasting practice where only small batches of beans are roasted at a time. "We're not Starbucks.

Freshman pre-psychology major Kevin Toutkoushian won the first Tuesday



JUSTIN HARRISON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER From left, junior biology major Emily Klein, Jittery Joe's barista Sloan Williams, freshman pre-psychology major Kevin Toutkoushian and junior psychology major Wes Allen play Egyptian Rat Screw at a tournament in which Totkoushian was the win-

night tournament, winning multiple rounds of ERS to earn three free drink cards. Toutkoushian said he was 'pumped' after the first round and that he has been playing ERS for "years and years and years.

"We'll probably do a different game every week,' said junior nursing major Kara Wynkoop, also a barista at Jittery Joe's. Other game ideas include Speed, Poker and Monopoly. The shop is also open to ideas for their next tournament from anyone who wants to stop by or on their Facebook page.

Jittery Joe's is hoping to invite anybody and everybody with its selection of hot and iced coffee, tea,

smoothies, sandwiches and breakfast items. In addition to food and drinks, comfy couches and free Wi-Fi access, Jittery Joe's sells a selection of music from Georgia artists. The outdoor seating provides a good view of downtown Milledgeville as well. The overall vibe of the coffee shop is of a cool local hangout that anybody can come to feel welcome.

"We're trying to show people there's another place to go," Williams said. With Buffingtons' triv-

ia night and Blackbird's Acoustic Night, Jittery Joe's hopes to get its name out as another fun hangout for students and Milledgeville residents alike.

### **Movie Review: Going the Distance**

RYAN DEL CAMPO Reviewer

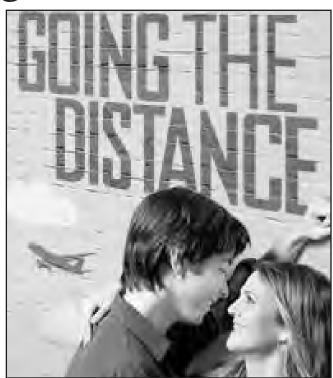
"Going the Distance" successfully set itself apart from many of the drab romantic comedies that have emerged from Hollywood in 2010. Overall, it excelled above the others due to its multigenerational appeal – it has the crude humor that collegeaged audiences have come to rely on mixed artfully with the romantic irony that so many recent movies have relied on far too heavily.

Essentially, "Going the Distance" is the story of any long-distance relationship: boy meets girl, boy says he won't fall in love, girl moves across the country, boy and girl realize their passionate feelings and have to foster a healthy love despite the distance.

Director Nanette Burstein picked a winning scrpit for her mainstream directing debut, but it likely would have remained among the mediocrity is it were not for the chemistry between characters Erin (Drew Barrymore) and Garrett (Justin Long). In fact, Barrymore and Long have been rumored to be dating since wrapping up production of "Going the

Drew Barrymore shows that she has certainly grown up since she played the sweet girl as in her first memorable movie, "E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial." Since that time, Barrymore has made her bones in Hollywood with a variety of roles in an eclectic array of movies. Also, she has begun to enter the arena of producing and directing with movies like "He's Just Not That Into You" and "Fever Pitch." Barrymore keeps the sexual tension and emotional rollercoaster moving throughout the realtionship.

Surprisingly, despite Justin Long's previous typecast



Source: Warner Brothers Studios

#### Grade: B

role of a confused, lucky, or nerdy young adult, it seems that he has grown up as well. Long plays as a nearly-matured man who learns to change his playboy mannerisms in favor of commitment, but does so gracefully without relying entirely on the crude (albeit hilarious) comedy of previous movies that he has starred in like

Waiting" and "Accepted."
The plot also include some supporting characters, who keep the humor flowing during the times that "Going the Distance" would have becoming mushy without their presence. Charlie Day brings idiodically hilarious comedy imported diectly from his character in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" as Garret's roommate and friend, Dan. Jason Sudeikis manages to deliver laughs along side of Day as

well. Christina Applegate also deserves an honorable mention for the humor that her high-strung and sexually suffocated character brings to the table.

Initially, I was not looking forward to seeing "Going the Distance." I thought that either it would be a replica of the sorry excuses for Hollywood scripts in romantic comedies this year or it would have too crude of comedy to keep a romantic plot moving. However, I left the theater with the realization that "Going the Distance" straddles the fence between these two extremes. Granted it was not perfect, but it was a passable example of a true romantic

In the case of "Going the Distance," I would wait until the DVD comes out to watch it. At that point, it would be a great date movie for any



Have you seen "Going the Distance?" Do you agree with the rating? Tell us your thoughts at GCSUnade.com!

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### Money matters for athletics

Numbers show GCSU fairly distributing athletic funds, keeping up with Title IX

Preston Sellers & TIM GRAHAM SENIOR REPORTERS

GCSU has enjoyed plenty of success in athletics the last two years, winning back to back Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cups for the best overall athletic program. Part of that success deals with GCSU being able to efficiently distribute funds throughout the department, leading to better recruitment, facilities and overall performance.

Another area to explore is how Title IX affects GCSU as compared with other schools, both of similar size in similar levels of competition, and of much larger

When looking at the numbers from this past athletic season, it appears GCSU has done a quality job in complying with Title IX and has fairly distributed its athletic

Background/Peach Belt Confer-

GCSU won the Peach Belt Conference's Commissioners Cup

during the 2008-09 school year. The ratings for the cup are determined by taking the maximum number of points available to each of the eleven schools in the conference, depending on how many sports each has. That number is then divided by the number of points won, based on conference finish through the regular season.

While GCSU came in first, Georgia Southwestern State University came in last place. Though they compete in the same conference, there was a significant difference in the amount of money flowing through their athletic departments.

According to a report by the US Department of Education, in the 2008-09 school year, GCSU had 178 student athletes. Student financial aid for those athletes, the scholarships awarded to them, totaled in at \$1,030,473.

Operating costs were \$284,954, and the cost to recruit was \$19,789. The total expenses for the athletic department was \$3,486,557, while the total amount of both revenue brought in was \$3,554,937.

This does in fact mean GCSU had a surplus in funds at the end of the athletic year, so where does the money go in this case?

'With revenues versus expenses, there's almost never a large profit, but what money is left over goes into a reserve fund," said Steve Barsby, Head Tennis Coach and Assistant Athletic Director. "And that's when we can do things like the soccer and softball bleachers, renovate the baseball field, things like that. We never have enough to cover all of those projects, but usually enough to help significantly."

At Georgia Southwestern, 158 students participated in athletics. The total of both revenue and expenses for their athletic department was \$1,235,620, a noteworthy difference compared to GCSU. Student athlete financial aid totaled in at \$367,326.

Looking at data from every school in the PBC, a pattern begins to show that the schools with a larger undergraduate population typically have more success athletically.

For instance, GCSU and Armstrong Atlantic State University

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#### By The Numbers

\$3,486,557

Total cost to run the GCSU athletic program in 2008-09.

\$3,554,937

Total revenue brought in by the GCSU athletic department in 2008-09.

\$30,680

Average salary of the five male sport head coaches at GCSU in 2008-09.

\$28,498

Average salary of the five female sport head coaches at GCSU in 2008-09.

BREAKING

CALEB RULE SPORTS COLUMNIST

Ahhhhhhhhh. Hey, guys...football's baaaaaaaaack!

And that means it's time for some thoughts and predictions. (Because after all, who doesn't enjoy making themselves look like fools before the season's really underway?)

But first, today's rule to break: Ole Miss. Ha ha ha ha ha. Kansas too.

You got what you deserved for wimping out, and I wish it happened more Futility alert: Navy.

Three fumbles inside Maryland's 6-yard line means you should lose. And you almost didn't anyway. **Best overall impression:** 

North Carolina. Had seven defensive starters suspended against LSU, and still pulled within six points late. That's Stupidest score: Oregon

72, New Mexico 0. Y'know what's funny? I'm more disappointed that the Lobos, a bowl team last season, didn't manage a single point.

Overrated alert: Oklahoma. You beat Utah State by seven points. Pardon me if I feel that lofty number seven ranking doesn't look right. However, you get a chance to redeem yourself against Florida State.

Speaking of which...is anyone else freakin' excited at this weekend's slate of games? Ohio State-Miami, Oklahoma-Florida State, Penn State-Alabama, and Georgia-South Carolina come to mind immediately. Heck, even my Tennessee Vols (spare me, I know we won't be too good this season) are taking on those previously-mentioned Ducks from Oregon, and Florida is taking on perennial Big East contender South Florida. Maybe some teams are scheduling smarter.

Now, everyone please join me in pointing and laughing at Texas (beat Rice, plays Wyoming), Arkansas (beat Tenn. Tech, plays La. Monroe), and West Virginia (beat Coastal Carolina, plays Marshall) as the top 25 squads who qualify as total wimps for the time being. Back to making it even easier to roast my football intelligence!

Two teams who are in the top 10 and won't finish there: Nebraska and Texas. Don't trust the offense in corn land, and the defense in the Lone Star state.

Two teams who will finish in the top 10 and didn't start there: Miami (FL) and Wisconsin. If you want a pick that actually takes guts, I'd say LSU.

Oh, I almost forgot, the big daddy of them all.

**National Championship** Game: Screwed up by the BCS. Again.

Tune into Caleb Rule on gcsuradio.com, or hear the podcast at http://milledgevillesportstalk.blogspot.

### The life of a sports information director



LAUREN DAVIDSON/STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Weston earned his undergraduate degree in public relations as part of the journalism program at Kent State University. Prior to arriving at GCSU, he was the head of media relations for Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA. Weston maintains several responsibilities as the sports information director for the Bobcats.

#### GCSU's Weston takes on many tasks as head of school's sports information

SAM HUNT STAFF REPORTER

As the Sports Information Director for GCSU, Al Weston serves as the public relations arm for the athletic department. That entails keeping track of statistics at contest and making sure that information gets to the National Collegiate Athletic Association so that they can stay informed about wins and losses and who should make the NCAA tournaments and who should win yearly awards.

"The big picture of how I look at my job is to put fannies in the seats," Weston said. "My gig is to make sure that people know about our successes and how good we are through various mediums so that they can decide that they want to be a part of this and to make them what to get out there to the games and check it out." Writing is a huge component of Weston's

position. As Sports Information Director, Weston also runs the GCSU Athletic website, which includes writing for web media. The job also demands writing game recaps and press releases as well. On a busy day, Weston might crank out as many as 10 press releases. As opposed to academic writing, the key in media writing that Weston does is to get as much information out in as little time or space. The type of media writing that Weston does is also largely reliant on the inverted pyramid writing style.

"The skill set is to get as much information out as early as you can," Weston said. "That includes the where's, the when's, the score, and then get more focused as you get later into the release as far as the specifics of a particular contest or particular

The typical day varies quite a bit for Mr. Weston, depending

"The skill set is to get as much information out as early as you can."

> Al Weston, **Sports Informa**tion Director, GCSU

on what is going on that day. He has to looks towards the home athletic contests because he is required to be at each home athletic contest for all the sports so that the school records can be kept and given to the conference office of the NCAA and also to the team that GCSU is competing against so that the school

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#### Al Weston's Responsibilities:

- 1. Promote the athletic program
- 2. Write recaps of all games
- 3. Do press releases for sports 4. Prepare for all home games
- 5. Be at all home games
- 6. Keep up with statistics
- 7. Maintain athletic Web site
- 8. Update player and coach bios 9. Get information on opponent
- 10. Set up chairs for press conferences

#### **Upcoming Games**

Soccer:

Sept. 10 Anderson (S.C.) 8 p.m. Sept. 12 Florida Tech 11 a.m.

Cross Country:

Sept. 10 Sept. 10

4:00 Bobcat Inv. 4:45 Bobcat Inv.

"I think a characteristic of our team

is confidence. We don't really have a strut on the field, but we definitely have a swagger in the locker room, and we're not losing confidence at all.'

**Quote of the Week** 

Atlanta Braves outfielder Matt Diaz on the down-to-the-wire NL East Division race. (ESPN.com).

**Notable Stat** 

Atlanta starting pitcher Tim Hudson's ERÂ. The Braves ace ranks sixth in the National League and has a 15-7 record.



### Soccer drops pair on road to open season

Bobcats fall to Florida Southern, 2-1, 3-0 to Lynn, will open up at home this weekend

Kristi Rodriguez STAFF WRITER

Despite the hard work and determination it took for the GCSU soccer team to gain the lead in the first half, they eventually fell 2-1 Friday to Florida Southern College in the opening game of the Little Feet South Florida Shootout. The Lady Mocs are picked third in the 2010 SSC Preseason Poll and remain undefeated.

On a positive note, GCSU freshman forward Katie Taylor began her college career with a bang. Taylor scored the first goal of the game with an assist by sophomore defender Haley O'Hayer which gave GCSU the lead 1-0 before the second half.

With Bobcats on top going into the second half, the Lady Mocs stepped up their game as Princess Haley and Adi Alvarado scored second-half goals in addition to playing tough defense against the 'Cats. It was the season-opener for both teams.

"We started the game off well, but didn't finish it," a disappointed sophomore Anna Wierzbicki said.

Goalie Mary Rob Plunkett turned in a solid performance while making five saves. Her counterpart, Martina Tangen was under heavy pressure from a persistent 'Cat attack, succeeding in six of seven save attempts.

In the second game of the Little Feet South Florida Shootout, the Bobcats were held scoreless in a 3-0 loss to Lynn University, dropping their record to 0-2.

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Both Bobcats and Fighting Knights had many chances in the first half to take the lead but couldn't take advantage of them. Lynn's, Melissa Ortiz was the first to challenge GC-SU's senior goalkeeper Mary Rob Plunkett. However, her shot at the 16 minute mark of the 1st-half sailed left of the post. Two minutes later, Ortiz was back to challenge Plunkett again with a low shot to the right that was smothered by Plunkett with a diving stop that kept the game scoreless with 20-minutes to go in the 1st-half. Against Lynn, she saved 5 out of 6 goals attempted by the Fighting Knights. However, 72-minutes into the contest, a red card was given to Plunkett resulting in freshman goalkeeper Taylor Mulryan entering the game. Mulryan would make her first 2 saves for the year.

Katie Taylor played another tough game as she put pressure on the Fighting Knights

Despite the setback of two losses, the GCSU soccer team showed improvement they hope to building on. GCSU will be host-



Freshman forward Katie Taylor scored her first goal for the Bobcats last Friday, as they fell, 2-1 to Florida Southern in their season opener. Taylor and the Bobcats will play their home opener Friday.

ing the second annual Bobcat Shootout this University. The tournament wraps up on Sunweek, opening up at home Friday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m., in game two hosting Anderson

day, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m., as the Bobcats go up against No. 24 Florida Tech.

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can create their season stats. There is a lot of game preparation in a typical day for Weston so that the programs can get done and getting statistics ready for the radio broadcast. In the event that something such as the press conference occurs at GCSU, Weston's job could include several different forms of manual labor such as setting up chairs for the conference. In the summer time, Weston has to prep for the upcoming school year, which consists of switching over information on the websites, changing athletes' bio information and getting new information on the new incoming ath-

"That's part of what makes this job so appeals is the variance in what's going on," Weston said. "Its very different and very busy as well, so it fluctuates quite a

Weston earned his undergraduate degree Kent State University in Ohio in public relations as part of the journalism program. While he was working on his undergraduate, Weston worked with the student newspaper at Kent State which helped him hone his journalistic skills. He worked as a public relations professional for a public relations firm for roughly a year before going back to grad school to get his graduate degree in Sport and Recreational Management. While working on his master's, Weston was required to do in internship, during which he went to the athletic department and offered up his services. Shortly after, he received an internship working in the field of sports information and fortunately for him, one of the full-time staff members lift and Weston was working a full-time gig

as an internship. This gave him the opportunity to learn what is was like to be a fulltime Sports Information Director. Right away, Weston fell in love wit the job and decided that was the career he wanted to peruse.

"I was working with sports that people on an average basis probably don't care about all that much," Weston said. "Even so I was still going to work with a smile on my face everyday. That's the skill set, it was some learned in the classroom but a lot learned in just doing it.'

In the past, sports information was very newspaperbased. Key relationships with beat reporters for local newspaper were a huge necessity. Now, with the induction of websites, Weston can get directly to the consumer. He does not have to worry about having the filter form a news journalist standpoint. Now, there is a decline in newspaper subscription because people are find the information quicker on the web, Weston also has the ability to get information out quicker as well via Facebook accounts, Twitter and You-

"There as so many new ways to get more positive stuff about GCSU athletics out there and directly into the consumer's hands, that's the big part too is I can say my message," Weston said. "If we have a soccer game and we lost 5-1, I can really talk up that one and downplay the five and it looks like we did better than we actually did. If I were to send it to a newspaper they make take it, filter it and change it around to give it more of a balanced story setting. Here, with the websites, I can get right into someone's email address, someone's Facebook account or someone's Twitter account with the positive message about about how we're doing."

#### Golf takes third in first tournament

Caitlin Mullaney STAFF WRITER

This past Monday and Tuesday the GCSU Golf Team competed at the Kiawah Island Invitational in Kiawah Island, SC. The team finished day one in first place with an overall team score of 293, and finished day two with a team score of 292, adding up to a total of nine over par 585 and a third place

They came in after USC Beaufort in second place with a total score of 584, and Barton College in first place with a six over par total of 582.

The team was led by sophomore Patrick Garrett, who finished day one with a 73, one under par.

"I have been working really hard, and I had high expectations for myself. Overall I'm pretty happy, it wasn't an easy time to play it was real windy and the course was pretty challenging,' Garrett said.

Garrett finished day two with a score of 70 also totaling to a third place finish of 143.

It was Patrick Garrett's first collegiate level (competition). I was very pleased with his effort. He is probably the number one player going into the next competition," Coach Jimmy Wil-

Senior Billy Shida finished close behind Garrett in sixth place with a total score of 144. Senior Matthew Yonz landed in 26th, five over par, with a day one total of 74 and day two total of 75. With an overall total of 151, Sophomore Taylor Smith came in at 42nd, and with a total of 155, Ryan Steelman finished in 68th. This was the first competition for

the golf team this season, and both players and coach had pretty good reactions to the team's performance, but agreed there was room for improve-

"I was pleased with the outcome, but it could have been a little better," Wilson said.

Shida was looking for a better out-

"Overall, no there are a lot of ways to improve, it's third place," he said. "We have a lot of new faces this

year so we are just going to try to get better each week," Wilson said.

The Bobcats return to action Sept. 13-14 when they will compete in the Sprig Hill Suites Collegiate Tourna-

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took first and second place in the Commissioners Cup, with undergraduate enrollments of 4,926 and 4,145

On the other hand, Georgia Southwestern and Lander University, ranked ninth and 11th, had enrollments of 2,387 and 2,277 respectively. One exception was 10th ranked

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, with an enrollment of

#### The Dividing Line

Funds available to male and female teams at GCSU seem to be fairly even. 94 male and 84 female athletes were reported to participate in athletics in 2008-2009, though Barsby points out that some baseball players are recorded twice due to junior varsity status.

Male athletes received \$525,125 in financial aid, and female athletes got \$505,348.

The average salary for the head coach of the five male sports was \$30,680, whereas the salary for the five female sports was \$28,498.

Barsby cites philosophical differences for discrepancies in recruiting funds used by men's and women's coaches at GCSU.

For example, he said that Ginger Chaffinch, the former head softball coach and current Associate Athletic Director, did significantly less recruiting on the road than Head Baseball Coach Tom Carty, who likes to be at

The reason for the parity is due to the government initiative Title IX. Passed in 1972, Title IX requires gender equity for boys and girls in every educational program that receives federal funding.

Schools must provide males and females "equal opportunities to play sports," a fair share of the scholarship money provided to athletes, and a fair treatment for male and female

According to Barsby, Title IX focuses more on the actual number of participants (including walk-ons) than scholarships awarded, though there are NCAA "equivalency" numbers that must be at least met by half for women's scholarships.

For example, if the NCAA sets

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women's tennis equivalency at six, at least three scholarships must be awarded each year in women's tennis.

Along with every other school fielding NCAA athletic teams, GCSU sends a yearly report to the US Department of Education breaking down its athletic expenditures.

However, sometimes it is up to the school to take the initiative to see where it stands with Title IX.

"The yearly reports we send are fairly brief, just a basic chart of the money," Barsby said. "But recently we had a review that we did internally, not something we were required to do, to see where we could improve."

"We had a consultant come in to tell us where we were doing well and not so well regarding Title IX," Barsby

Barsby was pleased with the recent results, but realizes there is work to be done, including possibly adding another women's sport to GCSU athletics.

Potential sports include women's golf, volleyball or swimming.

"The goal is to have opportunities which reflect the study body," Barsby said, "So with (GCSU) being predominantly female, we need to get a little better as far as that goes."





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### Tuesday, September 14, 2010 4 p.m. at West Campus

Shuttle transportation will be provided from Irwin St. due to limited parking.

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